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FROM:

D. Wayne Hedberg DWH

RE:

Millsite Inspection, Hecla Mining Company, Apex Mill,

M/053/004, Washington County, Utah

On June 15, 1989, Wayne Hedberg met with Mr. Scott Hartsman and Mr. Mike Barker at the Apex Mill. The purpose of the site visit was to discuss with Mr. Hartsman the status of ongoing operations at the mill as well as the proposed mine development sequence for the Apex Mine.

Mr. Hartsman indicated that Mr. Lou Knight and Mr. Barker would likely be the two individuals who would be involved with the permitting for the recommencement of mining operations at the Apex Mine. Mr. Knight was out of town at the time of my inspection and I was advised to contact him at a later date to confirm the proposed schedule. Mr. Hartsman indicated that the mill site was scheduled for start-up in October/November 1989. Recommencement of mining activities at the Apex Mine is anticipated sometime in the spring of 1990.

The mill site was not part of the original application for the Apex Mine because of it's unique location on Indian lands. advised Mr. Hartsman and Mr. Barker that they should discuss with Mr. Knight the following permitting requirements with regard to recommencement of operations at the Apex Mine.

- 1) Complete the permit transfer process from St. George Mining Company to Hecla Mining Company;
- 2) provide a replacement Reclamation Surety;
- 3) decide if the present mining and reclamation plan will be adopted by Hecla or if revisions and amendments are warranted.

Page 2 Hecla Mining Company Apex Mill M/053/004 June 16, 1989 I advised the Hecla representatives that the above mentioned items must be completed in advance of recommencement of operations at the Apex Mine. I did not have an opportunity to tour the operations at the mill site. Hecla is currently renovating a significant portion of the facilities that were constructed by St. George Mining Company. Mr. Hartsman indicated that once renovations were complete, that a tour of the mill could be provided to Division personnel. jb cc: Lou Knight, Hecla Mining Co. Lowell Braxton Minerals Team MN2/104-105